

CHRISTMASSALES BIG THIS SEASON

Merchants Anticipate That 1915 Will Establish New Record for Holiday Shopping.

ADOPT BUY EARLY SLOGAN

Trade Does Not Abate, However, But Continues from Day to Day in Growing Proportions.

With five days remaining in the present holiday season, merchants here are all in accord in the belief that the patrons have adhered closely to the "buy early" slogan.

Local business men are entirely pleased with the holiday sales to date and declare that if the final week brings what they anticipate, 1915 will establish a new record in Yuletide buying.

In interviews with several of the merchants it was found that business has been entirely satisfactory this year and that the country trade has been especially large. W. S. McCombs, manager of the Young & McCombs department store, and president of the Rock Island Business Men's association, when asked about business conditions had the following to say: "We have had probably the largest Christmas business in the history of this store. To a large extent this has been made possible by the early shopping idea. People began making holiday purchases earlier this season than in past years."

"We have gone to a great expense this year to decorate the interior of our store typical of the Christmas season. Our customers tell us that our southern smilax festooned in great arches made this store the prettiest in this section of the country. We had this smilax shipped to us from the south. It is not the customary imitation decorative material which is generally used."

"Our big holiday trade this year continues from day to day and does not abate with the approach of Christmas, though the buyers did begin making

MEAT INJURIOUS TO THE KIDNEYS

Take a Tablespoonful of Salts if Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers.

We are a nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with uric acid, says a well known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble.

The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system. When your kidneys ache and feel like lumps of lead and you have stinging pains in the back or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or the bladder is irritable, obliging you to seek relief during the night, when you have severe headaches, nervous and dizzy spells, sleeplessness, acid stomach or rheumatism in bad weather get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys to neutralize the acids in urine so it is no longer a source of irritation thus ending urinary and bladder disorders. Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink and nobody can make a mistake by taking a little occasionally to keep the kidneys clean and active.

Harper House pharmacy.—(Adv.)

purchases much earlier than in past seasons. We have been especially impressed with the great number of out of town shoppers, more than ever before, I believe.

Should Improve Roads.
"Our out of town trade has been enormous, and it appears to me that if other stores are getting anywhere near their share of this business it should be a hint to get busy on our roads next year and further induce these people from neighboring towns to come to Rock Island."

The Young & McCombs store is beautifully decorated this year and special booths, trimmed in holiday colors, give a touch of gaiety to the store that has caused general comment among all shoppers.

That Rock Island is enjoying a generous holiday business is good news and an assurance that next year will see an even greater trade in all lines.

LACK OF BREEZE IS CAUSE SMOKE IN AIR

From Seventh avenue north, Rock Island appeared like Pittsburgh, Pa., to residents of the bluff section this morning. There was a light fog and no wind and smoke hung low, making the atmosphere disagreeable particularly to those suffering any catarrhal troubles. Professor J. M. Sherier, in charge of the local government weather bureau, said that it is not infrequent when there is a fog and lack of wind that the smoke will hang low.

TRENKENSCHUH GETS CASE PARK PROJECT

Contract for sewer and watermain in Case park addition, plat of which was recently adopted by the city council, was today awarded to P. F. Trenkenschuh. His bid is \$4,200. The Tri-City Construction company, Davenport, the only other concern bidding, presented a proposal \$22 higher.

The project provides for 6-inch watermain and 10-inch sewer. The addition lies between Eighteenth and Twentieth avenues and Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

CITY ALEDO TO HAVE PLANT TO MAKE ICE

(Special to The Argus.)
Aledo, Ill., Dec. 20.—Zales S. McGinnis of the Zales S. McGinnis company of this city has made the announcement that he has purchased an ice plant to be installed in Aledo during the next few weeks. Ample provision has been made to manufacture a sufficient supply of ice for Aledo and adjoining towns.

Mr. McGinnis plans to erect his new plant on grounds which will have shipping facilities. His intention is to operate the new plant in connection with his creamery and pop factory.

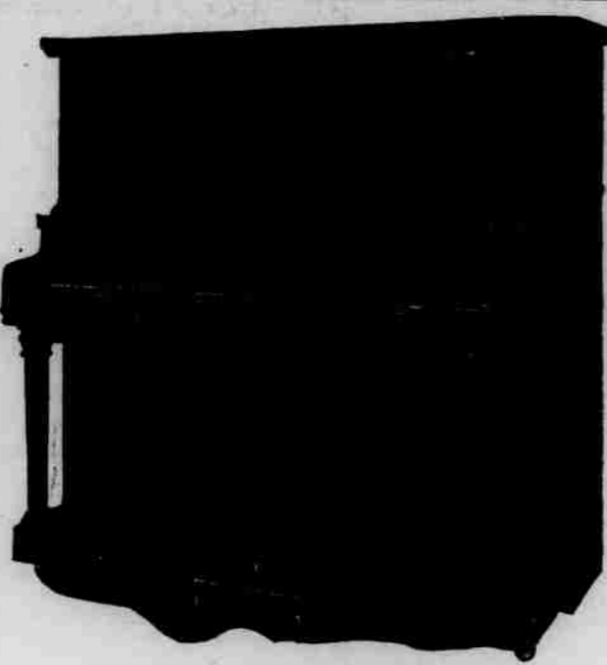
ADVERTISED LETTERS

United States Postoffice, Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 20, 1915.—Advertised list No. 50:

Mr. Armstrong, Seventh avenue; Mrs. Tom Rice, Mrs. Lily Barnes, Joe Callow, Mrs. Mary Casalego, Rose Christian, Mrs. Nora Davis, Sam Day, W. L. Dawson, Prosper Dierik, Frank Daniels, Mrs. Fred Cameron, Miss Beryl Fitch, W. O. Fish, W. S. Gardner, Miss Alieda Hoover, Miss Nellie Hodge, W. H. Huston, Ernest T. Hora, H. W. Jones, G. Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Karstid, Miss Nellie Krambeck, Mrs. Louise Kurtz, Harry Kennedy, William R. Kelley, H. Kaufman, Mrs. M. P. Lee, Mrs. John Lieven, W. M. Maak, B. Mulken, Mrs. Blanche Liten, Rev. M. Lamson, Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, Miss Katherine Moore, Mrs. G. J. Montgomery, Barney Mulken, Otto Ohlsen, Joseph H. O'Neil, Mrs. H. D. Parmelee, B. J. Pratt, F. O. Plyon, Premier Film Co., George Penn, Felix Reuter, R. L. Ronley, George Ream, Minnie M. Smith, Madam Shafer, Frank Sillway, Ande Steine, Frank Sollo, H. T. Shank, H. Sheldon, Taylor & Taylor, Wm. J. Taylor, Hatsee Tanaka, Eliesa Van Damme, Dick Wouff.

HARRY P. SIMPSON, Postmaster.

Four Special Player Piano Offerings This Week at Griggs'



\$150

Player Piano like cut. Plays all latest 88-note music. Fully guaranteed. Can be played by hand also. Slightly used. Never such a bargain offered in Davenport at the price.



Kranich & Bach Grands

\$750



Brambach Grand

\$350



\$250 \$8 Month

H. P. Nelson Player Piano, mahogany case, slightly used. Original price \$600. Christmas week special at \$250.



\$350 \$10 Month

\$650 Lester PLAYER PIANO, in rich oak case, good as new. Christmas week special at \$350.



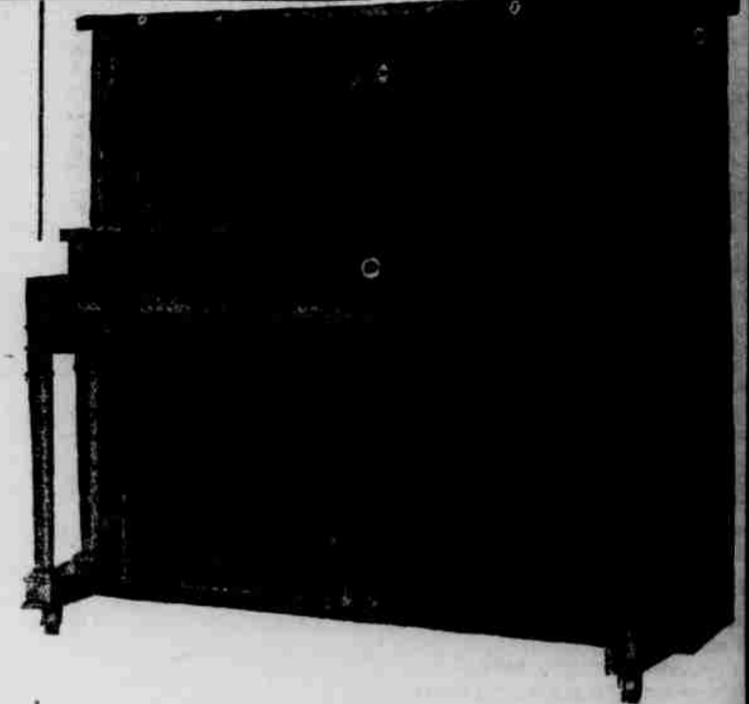
\$450 \$10 Month

The celebrated FARRAND Player Piano, in newest design. Genuine mahogany case.

These Player Rolls FREE

With each Player Piano purchased here this week. Or \$10 worth of rolls of your own selection—

Come on Along, 40c.
Along the Mississippi Shore, 40c.
Baby Seals Blues, 30c.
Summer Nights, 40c.
Meditation, 90c.
Araby, 30c.
Fox Trot Medley for Dancing, 60c.
A Coon Band Concert, 35c.
Black Hawk Waltz, 40c.
Christmas Song, 40c.
America Over All, 50c.
Come Back Dixie, 35c.
Chicago Ad March, 40c.
Silent Night, Holy Night, vocal style, \$1.00.
Lorelei, Vocalstyle, 80c.
When I Leave the World Behind, Vocalstyle, 90c.
When My Ship Comes Sailing Home, Vocalstyle, \$1.00.



SPECIAL—Largest size Voight Piano, golden oak case, can't be told from new, new duet music bench included.....

\$135

SPECIAL—Adam Schaff mahogany upright, looks just like new—new mahogany duet music bench included for.....

\$175

\$5.00 A MONTH.

SPECIAL—Story & Clark make—regular \$300 value—handsome modern case—new duet music bench included for.....

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The best place to buy your Christmas piano is at Griggs'. Ask your relatives and friends who have purchased pianos from us during the past twelve years as to the reliability of our goods and promises.

\$10 WILL BRING A PIANO HOME—\$5.00 and up a month will pay for it.

Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas Arthur P. Griggs

121 East Second Street Davenport, Iowa

CAMBRIDGE

Miss Anna Johnson left on Saturday for a visit with her sister at Rock Island.

Mrs. A. C. Tomlinson of Osco was a caller in Cambridge Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson returned home Wednesday from a short visit at Peoria.

Her sister Miss Mary Callahan who has been taking treatment at the sanitarium, returned home with her. She is somewhat improved as a result of the treatment.

Mrs. William Phillips of Osco visited at Cambridge Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Stoughton of Osco was a caller in Cambridge Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Hadley of Osco visited in Cambridge Wednesday.

Miss Phoebe Rogers left Monday for a visit with relatives at Utah.

Mrs. J. M. Attwood and daughter Miss Dessie Attwood left Thursday for a short visit with friends in Geneseo.

Mrs. Sophia Swanson returned to her home in Chicago after a visit with her son Axel Swanson and wife.

Miss Mary Nelson of Osco visited in Cambridge Thursday.

Mrs. Emma Anderson visited the tri-cities Thursday.

Miss Blanche Fleming visited at Rock Island Friday.

Miss Ruth Rosenstone was a caller at Rock Island Friday.

Mrs. N. B. Gould was a visitor at Davenport Friday.

Mrs. George Hunter and Kennedy were visitors at Kewanee Thursday.

Miss Rose Golden of Kewanee visited in Cambridge Thursday.

Mrs. A. F. Nelson of Geneseo and W. G. Hamilton of Osco visited in Cambridge Thursday.

A. L. Garrison and family, who have been farming the past year in Minnesota have returned to Cambridge to make their future home.

Miss Jennie Fairlie visited at the tri-cities Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Bone of Coal Valley visited Friday at the home of Jacob Broghammer and family.

Mrs. Sanford Lawson of Orion visited in Cambridge Friday.

Mrs. H. C. Weinrich and niece Miss Grace Pederson left Friday evening for a several days' visit in the tri-cities.

Mrs. Weier returned Friday from a short visit with her mother Mrs. Balthmore at Galva.

Mrs. Carl Meien left Friday for a short visit with friends at Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Palmer and daughter Zella returned to their home

at Bishop Hill after a short visit with his parents.

Mrs. William Locker visited her daughters who live near Kewanee, Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Reed and daughter Mrs. Fred H. Hand visited at Rock Island and Davenport Monday.

B. F. Nance of Galesburg visited his father-in-law David Cowden, Tuesday.

Kenneth F. Knowles and Miss Edna Frost of Osco were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8, Rev. E. E. Evans officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kellogg went to Kewanee Wednesday to attend the funeral of Leigh Bradbury Snyder, the six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Erlon Snyder, who passed away at 1:15 Tuesday afternoon. Miss Snyder is Mrs. Kellogg's sister.

Mrs. Gus Eastland and daughter Mrs.

G. G. Johnson visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Larson in Peoria.

Mrs. George Moody and Mrs. Mary Moody attended the funeral of little Pearl Angevine which was held at Watertown Tuesday afternoon.

J. W. Melog visited at Rock Island Tuesday.

H. C. Weinrich returned Tuesday from a business trip to Milwaukee.

Ray Leonard left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Allamont, Mo.

Mrs. J. E. Talbot was a visitor at Rock Island Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Johnson and daughter Milda visited in Rock Island and Davenport Tuesday.

Mrs. Alfred Nye and daughter Mrs. B. A. Tyler visited in Rock Island and Davenport Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sangren visited a few days with relatives at Rock Island.

Ralph Osborn returned to his home at Britt, Iowa, Tuesday after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Osborn.

Mrs. Otto Harg visited Tuesday with her mother at Bishop Hill, it being her mother's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. D. Parsons Goodrich and daughter returned to their home at Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday after a visit at the home of her mother. She was accompanied as far as Chicago by her mother who will visit in the city for a short time.

The high school basketball team played the Geneseo collegiate team at the local gymnasium Friday evening. The game ended in favor of the high school with a score of 18 to 6.

Robert Scott returned to his home in Davenport after a short visit.

Miss Hattie Falline visited Friday in Kewanee.

Mrs. Sarah Murphy from Nebraska is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. A. Rishel.

Mrs. E. R. Wilson of Orion was a Cambridge caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson and two children visited Sunday with friends in Osco.

Miss Erma Johnson of Orion was a visitor in Cambridge Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen of Atkinson were Cambridge callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Popp of Red Oak were Cambridge callers Saturday.

Miss Lee Larson visited at Rock Island Sunday.

Mrs. S. D. Lipton and two children of Orion visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Souders Saturday.

Miss Pearl Baugh of Oakland, Neb.,

is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Baugh.

Mrs. Harry Williams of Galva arrived Monday for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson.

Walter Olson visited the tri-cities Saturday.

Judge L. E. Telleen visited in the tri-cities Saturday.

Miss Medie Johnson went to Chicago for a short visit.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

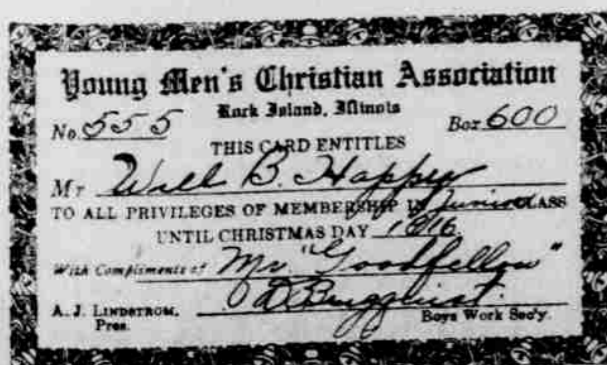
Mr. Man

Have you ever thought that there is nothing a boy appreciates more than the confidence of an honest square Grown Up? It's true. It is true of your own boy if you have one. But—

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One of the best ways to do this is to take out a membership in the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A.. It will be a Christmas Gift that will long be remembered. The rates are:

10 to 12 years \$2 a year
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Use Grandma's Sage Tea and Sulphur Recipe and Nobody Will Know.

The use of Sage and Sulphur for restoring faded, gray hair to its natural color dates back to grandmother's time. She urged it to keep her hair beautifully dark, glossy and abundant. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect.

But brewing at home is messy and out-of-date. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get this famous old recipe which can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, feverish, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two it becomes beautifully dark, glossy and abundant.

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480 Acres for \$222

Think of it! You can file on a 320 acre homestead in Wyoming for only \$22, and, under certain conditions, buy an additional 160 acres of Government pasture land adjoining for \$1.25 per acre. These lands are valuable for mixed farming, dairying, poultry and live stock raising.

This is a splendid opportunity for a man without much money to get a flying start on the road to independence. Write me today about a location before the good land is all taken up. The railroad employs me to help you locate and my services are free.



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